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## Third Committee

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## Promotion and protection of human rights

Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Belize, Brazil, Chile, El Salvador, Guatemala, Israel, Japan, Lebanon, Liberia, Mauritius, Morocco, Panama, Sri Lanka, Togo and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of): revised draft resolution

**International Day of Sign Languages**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recognizing* that multilingualism, as a core value of the Organization, contributes to the achievement of the goals of the United Nations, as set out in Article 1 of the Charter of the United Nations,

*Recognizing also* that the United Nations pursues multilingualism as a means of promoting, protecting and preserving diversity of languages and cultures globally, as well as of improving the efficiency, performance and transparency of the Organization,

*Reaffirming* its resolutions 53/199 of 15 December 1998 and 61/185 of 20 December 2006 on the proclamation of international years, and Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/67 of 25 July 1980 on international years and anniversaries, particularly paragraphs 1 to 10 of the annex thereto on the agreed criteria for the proclamation of international years, and paragraphs 13 and 14, in which it is stated that an international day or year should not be proclaimed before the basic arrangements for its organization and financing have been made,

*Recalling* the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,<sup>1</sup>

*Recalling also* the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities,<sup>2</sup> in which it is reflected that sign languages are equal to spoken languages, and that States parties to the Convention undertake to recognize, accept and promote the use of sign languages,

*Recalling further* its resolutions 2 (I) of 1 February 1946, 2480 B (XXIII) of 21 December 1968, 42/207 C of 11 December 1987, 47/135 of 18 December 1992

<sup>1</sup> See resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2515, No. 44910.

